



RTCA in Utah

The Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program is the community assistance arm of the National Park Service. The National Park Service (NPS) staff provide technical assistance to community groups, city, county, tribal governments, and non-profit organizations working to enhance close-to-home outdoor recreation and natural resource conservation opportunities. We help local leaders plan and design trails and parks; conserve and improve access to natural areas; protect special places; and create recreation opportunities.

The RTCA program in Utah offers a wide range of services that can be tailored to meet the needs of an individual project. The NPS staff members are trained facilitators who encourage project leaders to build collaborative partnerships among governmental and non-governmental stakeholders. The program helps communities and groups define their vision, goals, and objectives; analyze issues and opportunities; and develop strategic action plans and time lines for projects. We do not provide financial assistance, but can help project partners identify and secure sources of funding and technical support.

Any community with committed project partners can apply for assistance. While one of RTCA's strategic priorities is to help connect communities to national parks, assistance is not provided exclusively to communities surrounding parks. Believing the best plans are completed locally, the RTCA program works with partners to encourage broad-based community participation in planning, designing, and implementing the projects we support.



Community trail in Hollow Park, Payson City, UT

In 2016, the National Park Service in Utah will work on a variety of projects including:

- **Hollow Park and Trail System** – creating a park and trail system linking Payson City to the National Forest.
- **Homestead Trail** – developing a 2 mile trail linking downtown Midway with Wasatch Mountain State Park.
- **Jordan River Parkway Wayfinding Sign Research and Planning** – assisting with development of a sign plan that can be adopted and implemented by cities along the trail. NPS will support research into signs that encourage physical activity among all populations.
- **Mystic Springs Educational Wetland Center** – developing a Wetland Education Center that provides residents with a connection to the natural environment along the Jordan River.
- **Southeastern Box Elder County Trails Network** – developing an interconnected network of trails with particular focus to the regional Bonneville Shoreline trail and the Bamberger trail.
- **Stansbury Park Trails** – developing a trail system for the community that highlights regional trail connections and supports healthy recreation for the community.
- **Rohmer Park Trail Connection** – creating a trail connection between the Weber River Parkway in Riverdale and Rohmer Park in Washington Terrace.
- **Urban Ranger Program in Salt Lake** – expanding community outreach programs and providing environmental education to urban youth that live in close proximity to the Jordan River.

The RTCA office in Salt Lake City, Utah is part of the Intermountain Region. For more information about the RTCA program refer to: www.nps.gov/rtca, or for information about ongoing or potential RTCA projects in Utah contact:

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